

## House Resolution No. 250

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take great pride in the accomplishments of Show-Me State couples who have demonstrated a considerable amount of selflessness, love, and compassion for children throughout the world; and

**Whereas**, Paul and Alicia Matteucci of St. Louis County, Missouri, adopted six orphan children from Romania ages nine to fifteen including a sibling group of four and successfully lobbied the United States Congress and Senate to pass and double to \$10,000 the "Adoption Tax Credit" as a permanent part of the United States Tax Code and successful unstinting activities to reopen the adoption process in Romania which closed its doors to all international adoptions due to pressure from the European Union; and

**Whereas**, Paul and Alicia Matteucci were nominated by United States Congressman Todd Akin of Missouri and were selected to receive the "Angels in Adoption" award from the bicameral, non-partisan Congressional Coalition on Adoption on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, at the Ronald Regan International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.; and

**Whereas**, due to the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the dinner to honor the entire Matteucci Family and meeting with President George Bush was never held, all the while, the Matteucci Family watched in horror as America was attacked and the Pentagon burned before their very eyes; and

**Whereas**, in 1993, Paul and Alicia were married, and in 1998, having no biological children, they decided adoption of children who had no hope of being adopted would be how the couple would add to their family; and

**Whereas**, the entire Matteucci family, Paul, Alicia, Madalina, Jordan, John, Florina, Georgiana, and Daniel feel truly blessed by God each day; and

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the adoption leadership and practices of Paul and Alicia Matteucci of St. Louis County, Missouri, and to convey this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon their well-deserved receipt of the "Angel in Adoption" award from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Paul and Alicia Matteucci, true "Angels in Adoption".

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative William C. (Bill) Linton  
District No. 89

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Representative Patricia K. Secrest  
District No. 93

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 250, adopted February 7, 2002.

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Jim Kreider, Speaker

